



May 2006

## NORTH PARK THEATRE PLAYS HOST TO CITY BUDGET HEARING



(left) The full City Council held its only evening neighborhood budget hearing at the historic Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre on April 26.

(right) Councilmember Atkins, as chair of the council's Budget and Finance Committee, chaired the meeting.



The city's first budget under the strong mayor format was unveiled April 14<sup>th</sup>. You may have read about many of its elements in the newspaper—no further cuts in hours at libraries and parks, \$374 million in bonds and funding for the pension deficit, and the budgeting of expected overtime for police and fire.

The Finance and Budget Committee, which I chair, held two budget hearings in April, including one the evening of April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre. District 3 residents turned out for the hearing and told councilmembers about their concerns for parks, streetlights, and disabled access, among other issues.

Departmental hearings with opportunities for public comment were held over three consecutive days May 3-5. Of major importance was the council's debate over ways to address the severe shortage of police officers. The council will discuss and make amendments to the full budget throughout May, with a final vote scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Council and committee agendas for the budget hearings can be found at [www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil](http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil). All of the mayor's fiscal year 2007 budget documents are posted at [www.sandiego.gov/budget/proposed/supplemental.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/budget/proposed/supplemental.shtml).*

If you see burned out street lights or graffiti in your neighborhood, please call my office or let the city know as soon as possible.

For burned out street lights, call the City of San Diego Street Division line at (619) 527-7500, or go to the City of San Diego's website at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and click on "request a street repair" on the "City Government Links" to the left of the homepage.

For graffiti, call (619) 525-8522, or go to the City of San Diego website at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and scroll down to and click on "Services A-Z," then click on "Graffiti Removal Request."

## REPORT GRAFFITI AND BURNED OUT STREET LIGHTS IN YOUR N'HOOD

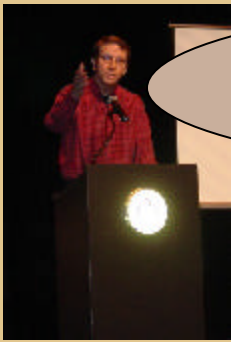
Many residents and business owners may not be aware that graffiti is the responsibility of the property owner, and you can actually be cited if you don't paint

out graffiti in a timely manner. The city offers recycled paint and graffiti-removal supplies at no cost. Call the Paint Bank at (619) 527-3431.

You can also continue calling my office at (619) 236-6633 to report lights that are out or graffiti that appears in your neighborhood.

Thank you in advance for your help to get these locations reported so the city can follow up with repairs and rid our neighborhoods of the blight caused by graffiti left unabated!

## NORTH PARK FORUM FOCUSES ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS, FUTURE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT NEEDS



North Park Main Street Board President Patrick Edwards.



Greater North Park Community Planning Committee Chair Vicki Granowitz.



Former Planning Committee Chair John Stewart McGaughey.



Refreshments were provided by Santos Coffee, Claire de Lune and Heaven Sent Desserts.



Third District Council Representative Jeffery Tom and Chief of Staff Denise Price helped sign in attendees.



Forum attendees inside the North Park Theatre.



Councilmember Toni Atkins.

More than 120 North Park residents attended a North Park Town Hall Forum on Saturday, April 8th, at the Stephen and Mary Birch North Park Theatre.

I had the opportunity to give participants an update on ongoing redevelopment and capital improvement projects, and review recent accomplishments that have helped with the recent resurgence of this vibrant urban neighborhood. Speakers representing North Park organizations and community boards also offered comments on North Park's revitalization.

Those in attendance also heard more about the North Park Maintenance Assessment District (MAD) and offered suggestions for future maintenance needs that could be covered should the MAD opt to re-ballot to include expanded services.

North Park Main Street and the city's Redevelopment Department displayed storyboards which showed projects currently underway and listed new businesses which have recently opened in North Park.

Additionally, representatives of the North Park Community Association (NPCA) were on hand to recruit new members and offer information about NPCA events. Refreshments were provided by Claire de Lune, Santos Coffee and the newly opened Heaven Sent Desserts.

I will keep you posted on future developments with the MAD as they become available.



North Park Community Association reps helped recruit new members.



The city's Redevelopment Department (above) and North Park Main Street (right) provided informational displays about ongoing projects.



Phylliss Shess, chair of the North Park MAD.



NPCA Chair Beth Swersie.



NP PAC Chair Roger Lewis.



A resident offers his input.





## JOINING TOGETHER TO SAVE OUR TRANSIT SYSTEM

By Toni Atkins, Bob Emery and Phil Monroe

*The following opinion piece first appeared in The San Diego Union-Tribune on April 7, 2006.*

The Metropolitan Transit system recently completed a year and a half process to evaluate the San Diego region's transit routes in an effort to completely restructure the bus system to create an urban network between regional hubs. This process, called the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), relied on a thorough examination of MTS' entire system that undertook a careful route-by-route and stop-by-stop review in an attempt to make the system serve the largest number of riders possible while still operating within the constraints of a dwindling budget.

In some respects, this was a painful process. At three public hearings hundreds of transit users took time out of their busy lives to offer emotional testimony before the MTS board which underscored the importance of particular routes to their day-to-day existence. It became increasingly clear that because of budget realities certain routes would have to be reduced or altered, thereby creating a hardship for many of the system's longtime users. In the end, thanks in large part to the input of the public and the creativity of MTS staff, the final plan produced efficiencies that are expected to increase ridership by an estimated 14,000 riders a day.

However, the long-range prognosis for transit in San Diego County is not good. We do not have the operating budget to meet the critical needs of many residents who rely on the system to access lifeline services such as getting to work, the doctor, school or the grocery store. We also don't have the resources to attract and serve "choice" riders—those who may have cars but would use transit in order to help relieve traffic congestion, improve air quality by reducing gas emissions, reduce the need to provide additional parking spaces, and save themselves gas and car maintenance expenses.

On top of this, we don't have the needed funds to adequately address the critical capital and maintenance needs of our current system. The replacement of buses nearing the end of their lifespan, the replacement of overhead trolley wires, the repair of trolley and bus stations, and ADA upgrades to buses and trolleys are but a few examples of the system's infrastructure needs for the next 10 years.

With the region and state clamoring for "smart growth" and increased densities near transit centers to support this infrastructure, very little commitment has gone into funding operations and maintenance. The capital needs overall to maintain a system which moves 48 million bus riders and 32 million trolley riders annually traditionally hasn't been given a high enough priority to support it over the long haul. Instead, increased dollars go toward freeways and roadway improvements.

The battle for transit funding continues, and certainly didn't end with the passage of Proposition A in 2004, which authorized the extension of the TransNet sales tax. In fact, such a battle reared its ugly head just several weeks ago when MTS and the North County Transit District had to again push to get the increased 2.5 percent from TransNet to be allocated directly to their agencies for operational services.

Now fade in to the three public hearings held by MTS in the last month for the COA—hearings where we listened to speaker after speaker tell us how reducing bus service would create significant hardship in their already difficult lives. We heard from senior citizens on fixed incomes; developmentally disabled individuals who must plot out their routes considering wheelchairs, seeing eye dogs, and other challenging issues; other disabled citizens who don't know how they'll even leave home to make medical appointments or buy food. Add to that the speakers who said they'd ride the bus more if it could actually take them where they need to go in a reasonable time. We need to focus the powerful energy of these poignant stories on helping to obtain additional transit funding from state and federal sources. This challenge belongs to all of us.

The members of the Metropolitan Transit System understand this. We should be implementing improvements and efficiencies to our system—and we are. But we shouldn't settle for what the limited resources get us now.

Every great city should have a transit system to benefit the region and the public. San Diego has a long way to go. It starts with a regional effort by elected leaders at every level of government to put public transit at the top of their funding list rather than at the bottom. By way of comparison, Los Angeles and San Francisco dedicate a full one cent of their sales tax to transit, yet in San Diego we only allocate one-third of one-half cent. Transit must become a priority.

We need your help. Elected officials, community leaders, and transit users must continue to push for more public transit dollars for the region. We have to present a united front when reaching out for more funding.

One of the speakers at the public hearings commented that "you can judge a society by the way it treats its poor and disadvantaged citizens." We have an obligation not to let the moving testimony presented at the COA hearings and the momentum that it generated evaporate. By joining together we can make a strong case for a first-class transit system for our region that serves everyone's needs.

*Atkins represents the Third District on the San Diego City Council; Emery is a City of Poway councilmember; Monroe is a City of Coronado councilmember. Each represents their respective cities on the executive board of the Metropolitan Transit System.*

The City of San Diego has embarked on a proactive program to underground utility wires throughout the city. In 2002, the City Council renegotiated its 50-year franchise agreement with San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) to include a surcharge that would exclusively fund undergrounding. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the surcharge and the program in December 2002, and I'm pleased to report that the city has used utilized these funds to begin undergrounding projects.

During the formation of the city's undergrounding program, we experienced difficulty in getting AT&T (formerly SBC) to participate in the program. As the city proceeded with its undergrounding projects, many phone wires remained overhead while all other wires were placed underground. You may have seen these telephone wires—some are visible on sawed off poles that were left behind on completed undergrounding projects.

Now AT&T is waiting for CPUC approval (Application No. A05-03-005) for an application it filed in March 2005 to request a monthly surcharge that would pay for the undergrounding of these telephone wires. It is important to note that this is the only way that AT&T is willing to participate in the program. The surcharge, which AT&T estimates at approximately 94 cents per residential phone line, would assist in the undergrounding of these phone lines and for future projects as well.

If you want to see all the overhead lines in your neighborhood completely undergrounded—including phone lines—I urge that residents and business owners send a quick letter to the CPUC expressing their support for this program. The CPUC has

## LETTERS NEEDED IN SUPPORT OF UNDERGROUNDING

received letters of opposition so that's why it's important that residents weigh in with their support for the program.

Here is some sample language that you can consider including in your letter:

*The purpose of my letter is to request your strong support for an undergrounding surcharge (Application No. A05-03-005) submitted by AT&T. In 2002, the CPUC approved an undergrounding surcharge with San Diego Gas and Electric which has resulted in the start of millions of dollars of undergrounding projects throughout the City of San Diego. Unfortunately, AT&T did not participate, leaving its wires in place, as all others were placed underground.*

*As a resident of the City of San Diego, I respectfully request your support of Application No. A05-03-005 submitted by AT&T to complete existing undergrounding projects in the City of San Diego and to allow AT&T to participate in future projects. Undergrounding will improve the appearance and service delivery, and will go a long way toward restoring our older urban neighborhoods and improve the quality of life in the city.*

Letters should be mailed to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102.

For more information regarding the AT&T issue, or to send an e-mail to the CPUC, you may click on the City's Undergrounding Program's web page at [www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/overview/sbc.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/undergrounding/overview/sbc.shtml).

## HISTORIC SHIRLEY ANN PLACE SIDEWALKS COMPLETED

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, I had a chance to stop by and chat with residents on Shirley Ann Place after the completion of a \$78,000 sidewalk repair project I helped fund with our District 3 HUD 108 infrastructure loan. The project consisted of removing and replacing damaged sidewalk, curb, and driveways on Shirley Ann Place between Monroe Avenue and Madison Avenue and the construction of four new pedestrian ramps.

Due to the historic designation of Shirley Ann Place, the new concrete sidewalk,



Councilmember Atkins joins residents of Shirley Ann Place as they celebrate the completion of a \$78,000 sidewalk project.

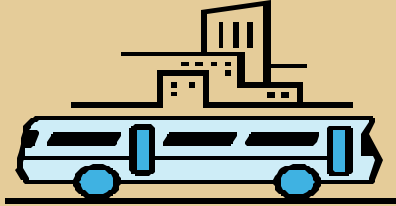
curb and driveways were constructed to closely match the existing concrete in color, texture and scoring pattern—no easy task for city staff and the contractor, A.B. Hashmi, Inc., as they poured samples of the concrete to test color and texture before deciding on the best match.

Now that the project is completed the residents are looking at other projects including traffic calming measures and monument signs with a time capsule element to improve and beautify their unique street.

## QUICKER TRANSIT SERVICE COMING TO EL CAJON BOULEVARD

Transit riders in Mid-City will have quicker service along El Cajon Boulevard when the first phase of the Mid-City/El Cajon Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project is completed.

The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) recently approved the next steps in this project, which will include signal coordination and transit signal priority on the full length of El Cajon Boulevard from Park Boulevard to College Avenue. The project will also include eight queue jump lanes designed to give buses priority at signaled intersections, as well as crosswalk improvements, assorted street modifications, and eight rapid bus stations along El Cajon Boulevard. No parking spaces will be eliminated due to this project.



The Mid-City/El Cajon Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit Project will be among the first “showcase” projects aimed at improving the speed and reliability of transit service. Final environmental, engineering and design work is expected to be completed in early 2008, with construction anticipated to be complete in 2009 pending funding. Future phases will extend BRT service down Park Boulevard to Downtown, and ultimately connect with BRT projects in the South Bay.

## HILLCREST SIDEWALKS COMPLETED ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE

I was pleased to join community leaders, local business owners and city staff on April 27<sup>th</sup> to dedicate the completed sidewalk project on the 1200 and 1400 blocks of University Avenue in Hillcrest.



The Hillcrest business community recently celebrated the completion of the sidewalk project along the 1200 and 1400 blocks of University Avenue.

I want to offer my deepest thanks to the businesses and property owners who front the reconstructed sidewalks for their patience and understanding throughout this process. As part of this project, the old sidewalks were demolished and replaced with new sidewalks, curbs and gutters.

Along with the new sidewalks, four acorn street lights in the 1400 block of University Avenue and two cross drains at the intersection of Vermont and Richmond streets were added to facilitate drainage. Additionally, the Hillcrest Association has planted street trees and is completing the ground cover landscaping at two planters at this intersection.

## PARK VIEW:

The old Park View Inn site (at Washington Street and Lincoln Avenue) in University Heights has been purchased by a local redeveloper who specializes in rehabilitation properties. I recently had the chance to sit down with him, other members of his staff, community leaders, and city officials who are deeply involved with this project to get an update.

The plan is to turn the property into 17 separate 290-square-foot studio units and one larger one-bedroom unit. They are planning to replace the drainage lines, re-wire the entire building and install new drywall among many other significant improvements. My office will continue to work with the new owner to help solve any developmental challenges that may arise. I am committed to helping the new owner turn this property into something that University Heights can be proud of.

## PARK VIEW INN/WELCOME INN UPDATES

## WELCOME INN:

On April 19<sup>th</sup>, a court order was signed by a judge for the successful abatement of the Welcome Inn, located at Washington Street and Campus Street, also in University Heights. What this means is that the San Diego Police Department and D.A.R.T. City Attorneys put together a civil case against the property owners, and if the owners of the Welcome Inn do not fulfill the Neighborhood Code Compliance Department's requirements, they will incur a large financial penalty.

There are several conditions that have been stipulated that must be followed by the owners or contempt charges will be filed. The city began posting abatement signs at the hotel in the beginning of May.



## 'NORTH PARK REBUILDING TOGETHER' SPRUCES UP NEIGHBOR'S HOME

On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, Rebuilding Together San Diego united over 1,000 volunteers with truckloads of building supplies and materials to complete a massive, one-day, 11-home and two-community facility renovation across the county.

Ten deserving households were chosen within the City of San Diego, including one in the Third Council District on Pershing Drive in North Park owned by longtime community



Volunteers help give Pat's home a fresh coat of paint and new trim.

activist Pat Laughlin. All of the projects selected belonged to elderly and disabled homeowners who could not afford the home repairs that were desperately needed.

Councilmember Atkins joined community volunteers and Rebuilding Together San Diego Executive Director Pam Thorsch (fourth from left) at the North Park home of longtime community activist Pat Laughlin (third from right).



Professional trade organizations contributed their expertise to back up the unskilled, yet enthusiastic labor force. Each of the projects was sponsored by a corporation or service organization, supported by employees and members of the organization and leveraged by in-kind donations, resulting in the investment of several hundred thousand dollars worth of revitalization.

The North Park Community Association became the first community association in the city to partner with Rebuilding Together in fixing up Pat's home. Three cheers for NPCA and everyone who helped with all 10 of these worthwhile community projects!

## CITY HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS DIVERSITY WITH INTERNATIONAL VILLAGE CELEBRATION JUNE 3

The City Heights Community Development Corporation (CHCDC) will present the 14th annual City Heights International Village Celebration on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, on University Ave. from Fairmount to Euclid avenues in City Heights. This free, one-day, family-friendly festival celebrates one of San Diego's oldest Mid-City communities, home to over 90,000 people speaking more than 30 languages and dialects.

Four outdoor stages will offer visitors the opportunity to "travel around the world in a single day" with a single stop in City Heights. Local hometown favorites Fattburger, Mario Olivares, Reggie Smith, and "Anisha Nicole" Gwynn, daughter of baseball's Tony Gwynn, will join more than 30 bands, steppers and performers offering the finest in jazz, R&B, urban/hip-hop and gospel. Performances throughout the day will include ballet folklorico, strolling mariachis and dance performances representing Africa, Somalia, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Cambodia, Brazil, Ghana, the Caribbean and Native America.

This year's "Fun Zone," geared for children of all ages, will feature animal and carnival rides, clowns, face painting, arts and crafts, slides, jumps, rock climbing, and a tae kwon do demonstration.

The event will also host a Career Corner job fair where employers meet and screen thousands of potential employees, and a Health Fair offering free screenings, insurance and information covering various health-related subjects.

The International Village Celebration is produced by the CHCDC through a Celebration Committee of volunteers comprised of City Heights residents, professionals, educators, community leaders and representatives from local businesses, community groups and neighborhood associations. The group is charged with the production of the International Village Celebration in conjunction with the CHCDC, which also serves as the fiscal sponsor.

## FRIENDS OF THE KENSINGTON/NORMAL HEIGHTS LIBRARY HONOR FOURTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

On Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of helping honor the winners of the fourth grade essay contest hosted by the Friends of the Kensington/Normal Heights Library. All schools that the library services were involved in the essay writing contest, which gave students three library- and book-related topics to choose from.



(left) Councilmember Atkins addresses students and parents prior to presenting the essay contest winners with their awards.



(right) Councilmember Atkins with the winners of the Friends of the Kensington/Normal Heights Library fourth grade essay contest.

The fourth grader honorees are Nathan Lee from Mt. Everest Academy, Timothy Shen, Javier Gonzalez-Cazares and Jamie Steckbeck from St. Didicus Parish School, Ashley Dominguez from Adams Elementary School and Vina Nguyen Le and unique Wilson from Franklin Elementary School.

## TALMADGE BECOMES SECOND FIREWISE COMMUNITY IN CALIFORNIA



Councilmember Atkins joins Talmadge community members and federal, state and local fire safety officials to celebrate the community's recently achieved Firewise status.

I was proud to join with Talmadge community members at the home of Kim Paul and Vona Roselli on April 27<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the completion of the community's bid to become a "fire safe" community--just the second such community in California to achieve this official status.

The Firewise Communities/USA program is designed to provide an effective management approach to preserve wildland living aesthetics and to ensure residents maximum protection from wildland fire.



Congratulations to Kathy Finn, the driving force behind this movement, and everyone on the Talmadge Fire and Safety Council and all the volunteers who helped make this a reality!

Councilmember Atkins, joined by local, state and federal fire safety officials, prepares to present Kathy Finn with the official Talmadge Firewise Protection Plan.

## OLD HOUSE FAIR SLATED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 17

On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., South Park will be hosting their famous Old House Fair. This exciting event will include a community street fair and historic home tours.

Come down to 30<sup>th</sup> & Beech streets and get a sense of the true historic nature of South Park and Golden Hill! There will also be children's activities, antique appraisals and free design consultations, as well as entertainment performed by Pocket, Bartenders Bible and Marsha Forman Band.

For more information on the event or to volunteer, please call (619) 519-0604. For a complete list of upcoming street fairs, parades and concerts, see page 8.



## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTH PARK SPRING FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>

The 10th annual North Park Spring Festival of the Arts will take place on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on University Avenue between 30<sup>th</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> streets. The festival will feature the work of talented artists from across the country, juried into the show by a panel from members of the San Diego Arts Community. In addition, the festival will feature live entertainment and an international food court, and a new youth area featuring hands-on arts and crafts.

This is a great event for the entire family. For more information on the festival, call (619) 294-2501. For a complete list of upcoming street fairs, parades and concerts, see page 8.



# UPCOMING DISTRICT THREE STREET FAIRS, PARADES, CONCERTS AND FESTIVALS

## North Park Festival of the Arts

University Avenue between 30th Street and 32nd Street  
Sunday, May 21; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact: 619/294-2501

## City Heights International Village Celebration

University Avenue between Fairmount Ave. and Euclid Ave.  
Saturday, June 3; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact: 619/584-1535

## Old House Fair

30th Street and Beech Street, South Park  
Saturday, June 17; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact: 619/233-6679

## 19th Annual International Summer Organ Festival

Through August 29th

Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Free admission

Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park

**June 19** – Opening Night: Carol Williams, Civic Organist with Virginia Sublett, soprano; Kathleen Helm, soprano

**June 26** – Diane Bish, international television personality

**July 3** – Robert Plimpton, San Diego Civic Organist emeritus; Patricia McAfee, soprano

**July 10** – Janette Fishell & Colin Andrews, organ duo

**July 17** – Donald MacKenzie, theater organist

**July 24** – Richard Elliott, Tabernacle organist and accompanist for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir

**July 31** – Movie Night with Dennis James

**August 7** – Paul Jacobs, concert organist

**August 14** – Ray Cornils, Municipal Organist, Portland, Maine

**August 21** – Stephen Tharp, concert organist

**August 29** (Tuesday) – *Grand Finale – An Evening with George Gerswhin*, Carol Williams, Civic Organist; Clark Sterling, vocal; Michael Morgan, bass

## North Park Community Association

### Bird Park Summer Concert Series

Saturdays, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Bird Park, 29th and Upas.  
Free admission. No alcohol, glass, grills or unleashed dogs.

**July 1** – Jack Tempchin & Rocket Science (classic songwriter/rocker from the Eagles era)

**July 15** – Bolga Zohdommah (hi-energy, highlife style music and dance from Ghana)

**July 29** – Jangada (hot Brazilian groove)

**August 5** – Working Cowboy Band (Texas swing and honky tonk)

**August 19** – Big Rig Deluxe (rockabilly, swing, jump blues)

**Sept. 2** – TBD

For more information, go to: [www.npcasummerconcerts.org](http://www.npcasummerconcerts.org)

## University Heights CDC's

### Summer In The Park Concert Series

Trolley Barn Park, Adams Avenue and Florida Street

Friday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m., Free admission

**July 7** – Upstream (reggae; calypso and soca)

**July 14** – Len Rainey and The Midnight Players (blues and jazz)

**July 21** – Nitro Express, (classic country; swing, rhythm & blues)

**July 28** – The Bigfellas (cabaret; hip hop; country & rock)

**August 4** – Lady Dotti and The Diamonds (blues & jazz)

**August 11** – Clyde and The Moonlighters ("oldie" favorites)

**August 18** – Sue Palmer (boogie-woogie & swing)

Contact: 619/297-3166



Councilmember Atkins introduces Delmer Holland and The Blue Creek Ramblers at the recent Adams Avenue Roots Festival.

photo by  
Lois Bach

## LGBT Pride Rally, Parade, and Festival

**Rally:** Pride Festival Main Stage, Juniper Street and Balboa Drive: Friday, July 28; 7:00 p.m.

**Parade:** Hillcrest, University Ave. between Normal Street and Sixth Avenue: Saturday, July 29; 11 a.m.

**Festival:** Balboa Park at Sixth Ave. and Juniper St.: Sat., July 29; Noon to 10 p.m., Sun., July 30; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Contact: 619/297-7683

## CityFest

Hillcrest, Fifth Ave. between University Ave. and Upas St.  
Sunday, August 13; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Contact: 619/299-3330

## Adams Avenue Street Fair

Adams Avenue between Felton Street and 35th Street

Saturday, September 23; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, September 24; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Contact: 619/282-7329

## AIDS Walk

Balboa Park, Sixth Avenue and Quince Street

Sunday, Oct. 1; 8 a.m. to Noon

Contact: 619/291-9255



# DISTRICT THREE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## MONTHLY DISTRICT THREE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Balboa Park Committee

Santa Fe Room of the Balboa Park Club (Off Presidents Way west of Park Blvd.)

Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Darlene Davies, chair: ddavies@mail.sdsu.edu

### City Heights Planning Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Avenue

Meets the first Monday of the Month, 6:30pm

Contact: Jim Varnadore, Chair, 619/280-3910.

### Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee (GGHPC)

Balboa Golf Course Clubhouse, Golden Hill

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Patricia Shields, Chair, (619) 295-1374.

### Greater North Park Community Planning Committee

North Park Christian Fellowship, Second Floor, 2901 North Park Way

Meets the third Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: John McGaughy, Chair, (619) 574-1135, or jstewardstudios@aol.com

### Kensington/Talmadge Planning Group

Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm.

Contact: Fred Lindahl, Chair, 619/287-3157.

### Normal Heights Community Planning Group

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm

Contact: Judy Elliot, Chair, 619/563-5473.

### Uptown Planners

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm

Contact: Leo Wilson, Chair, 619/574-0109.

## How To Contact Us

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## MONTHLY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

### Adams Avenue Business Association

4649 Hawley Boulevard

Meets the first Tuesday of the month, 7:30am

Contact: 619/282-7329

### City Heights Business Association

Board meetings: second Wednesday of every month at 8am at the Metro Career Center Community Room, 3910 University Avenue.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 5588, San Diego, CA 92165

Phone: 619/516-2282

### El Cajon Blvd. Business Improvement Association

3727 El Cajon Boulevard

Meets the second Thursday of the month, 11:30am

Contact: 619/283-3608

### Hillcrest Association

Joyce Beers Community Center, 1230 Cleveland Ave. in the Uptown District

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 5:00pm

Contact: 619/299-3330.

### North Park Main Street

3076 University Avenue

Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS

Rick Castro (City Heights East) -- 619/515-2733

Rick Edgil (Hillcrest, North Park, University Heights) -- 619/291-1729

Richard Fox (Normal Heights, Kensington/Talmadge) -- 619/531-2815

Gary Gonzales (Golden Hill, South Park) -- 619/744-9500

Pat Norris (Fairmount Park) -- 619/531-1515

Jim Tulumello (City Heights West) -- 619/516-3009

## MONTHLY REDEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

### City Heights Project Area Committee

Metro Career Center, Community Room, 3910 University Ave.

Meets the second Monday of the month, 6pm

Contact: Karen Bucey, Chair, 619/957-5818.

### North Park Project Area Committee

California Nat'l Bank, 3180 University Ave., 2nd Floor

Meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

Contact: Roger Lewis, Chair, at 619/881-8977,  
or the city staff member at 619/533-5284.

## District Three Staff

Denise Price, Chief of Staff.

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April Chesebro, Council Representative to Kensington, Talmadge, South Park, Golden Hill and University Heights; African-American community liaison; homeless issues.

Daisy Gordon Crompton, Committee Consultant to the Committee on Budget and Finance; housing issues.

Stephen Hill, Policy Advisor/Council Representative to Balboa Park; environment, libraries, arts and culture, land use citywide; MSCP, Transit Occupancy Tax, water issues, military/veterans issues.

Pam Ison, Council Representative to City Heights; liaison to Asian/Pacific Islander community; City Heights redevelopment; school liaison and education issues; women's, youth, and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) issues.

Cheli Mohamed, Executive Assistant to Councilmember Atkins and Chief of Staff Denise Price.

Monica Pelaez, Council Representative to North Park; liaison to the Latino community; Council docket coordinator; Police Department liaison and public safety issues; Fire and Life Safety Services liaison; senior issues.

Jeffery Tom, Council Representative to Uptown, Hillcrest and Normal Heights; infrastructure, citywide business issues, energy, telecommunications, Metropolitan Transit System, SANDAG transportation, BID Council.

## District Three Community/Neighborhood Meetings

### City Heights

Azalea Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2596 Violet Street at 6:30pm. Contact: [info@azaleapark.org](mailto:info@azaleapark.org)

Cherokee Point Neighborhood Association: Meets the fourth Wednesday at 6:30pm, Cherokee Point Elementary School, 3735 38th Street. Contact: 619/285-1611.

City Heights Community Development Corporation: Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6pm at 4283 El Cajon Boulevard. 619/584-1535.

Fairmount Park Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Thursday of the month at 3850 Westgate Place at 6:30pm. Contact: [FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com](mailto:FairmountPark92105@yahoo.com).

San Diego Model School Development Agency: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:00am at the Metro Career Center, 3910 University Avenue. For more information call Robin Allen at 619/578-7537, or check out [www.sdmodelschool.net](http://www.sdmodelschool.net).

South Castle Neighborhood Association: Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at the Buddhist Temple, 3322 Central Avenue. For more information, contact Laurie Carlock at (619) 284-3118.

Swan Canyon: Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3120 Euclid Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Contact Becky at [rebecca@bairfinancial.com](mailto:rebecca@bairfinancial.com).

Teralta West Neighborhood Alliance: Meets every first and third Thursday of the month at 4286 Marlborough Street at 6:30pm. Contact: 619/281-3551.

### Golden Hill

Greater Golden Hill Community Development Corporation (GGHCDC): Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the Balboa Park Golf Course Clubhouse. Contact: 619/696-9992

### Kensington

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association: Meets every third Wednesday at the Kensington Community Church, 4773 Marlborough Drive, beginning at 7pm. (dinner for a reasonable price is served prior)

### Normal Heights

Normal Heights Cultural Council: Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm at 4649 Hawley Boulevard.

### North Park

Altadena Neighborhood Association: Board meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Santos Coffee at Thorn and 32nd streets. Contact: 619/280-6662.

Burlingame Neighborhood Association: Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at different locations each month. Contact: [dbyrne4bna@cox.net](mailto:dbyrne4bna@cox.net).

North Park Community Association: Meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6pm at North Park Christian Fellowship Church, 2901 North Park Way.

### South Park

The South Park Action Council: Meetings are held bi-weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. and last one hour. For information, e-mail Co-Chairs: Samantha Keenan at [samkeen@cox.net](mailto:samkeen@cox.net) or Connie McDonough at [conniemcdonough@cox.net](mailto:conniemcdonough@cox.net).

### Talmadge

The Kensington/Talmadge Community Association (see Kensington)

The Talmadge Community Council (TCC): Meets every third Tuesday at 4725 Lucille Drive beginning at 6:30pm.

### University Heights

The University Heights Community Development Corporation (CDC): Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the CDC office located at 4452 Park Blvd, Suite 104, at 6:30pm.

The University Heights Crime Watch and Neighborhood Association: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at Alice Birney School Auditorium, 4345 Campus Avenue. Crime Watch at 6:30pm; UHNA at 7:00pm

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